

HARRIET ABIGAIL ZIMMERMAN ROYLE

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Harriet Abigail Zimmerman Royle, daughter of John and Harriet L. Zimmerman, was born in Lehi, October 6, 1853. The oldest daughter in a large family, she had her share in caring for her brothers and sisters as well as doing much of the cooking for the hired men. During school season, she arose at 4 A.M. in order to get her work done and get to school on time.

In 1870, when the telegraph line was installed in Lehi, she learned the mysteries of the dots and dashes, receiving high marks in her class.

On January 7, 1872, she was married to Henry Moroni Royle. In 1878 they were sealed in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City. She was the mother of ten children: Henry, Moroni, Jr., John Robert, Erastas, Polly Emeline (Mrs. Hyrum Webb), Harriet Abigail (Mrs. Noel West), Sarah Ann (Mrs. James Stoddart), James Freeman, Rawsel, and Myrtle (Mr. Wm. McEwan).

She taught each of her children how to pray at her knee before going to bed. After her death, her husband took over the teaching of the children, calling on the oldest first to lead in family prayer, and each in turn. Abigail and Moroni taught their children to honor the priesthood and every call made by those presiding.

Mrs. Royle was a staunch believer in the gospel and taught her children to attend church, taking them with her to Sunday School and Sacrament meetings. At one time she made a trip to Logan, staying a week, so that she might work in the temple there. Such a long trip with four children was a hard journey at that time.

She served faithfully as a wife and mother. She died March 19, 1892, at the age of thirty-nine.